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SUBJECT: EGYPT: NEW EDUCATION AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS, FIVE
NEW GOVERNORS

Classified By: ECPO Minister-Counselor Donald A. Blome for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(C) KEY POINTS -- On January 3, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced two ministerial appointments--Alaa El Din Fahmy as Minister of Trade and Economic Relations and Ahmed Zaki Badr as Minister of Education.
- 2.(SBU) Prior to his appointment as Minister of Transport, Alaa El Din Fahmy was the head of the Egyptian National Postal Authority (ENPA). Moh
- 3.(C) Fahmy is perceived as a member of Prime Minister Nazif's trusted circle. In the view of most observers here, his appointment signals continued
- 4.(SBU) Ahmed Zaki Badr, the new Minister of Education, is currently President of Ain Shams University. He has served in this position since mid
- 5.(SBU) The timing of the replacement of Yousri el-Gamal as Minister of Education appeared somewhat sudden. He was at a public event kicking off
- 6.(C) Comment: El-Gamal worked closely with Embassy Cairo on critical education reform initiatives, and news of his replacement raises some concern
- 7.(U) President Mubarak's decree changes the governors of five of Egypt's twenty-nine governorates. As is often the case in Egypt, three of the
- 8.(C) Opinions differ as to whether Shousha's move from north to south Sinai is a promotion or a demotion. On one hand, his failure to contain
- 9.(U) BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (Derived from press sources): Ahmed Zaki BADR Current Position: Minister of Education Former Positions: President